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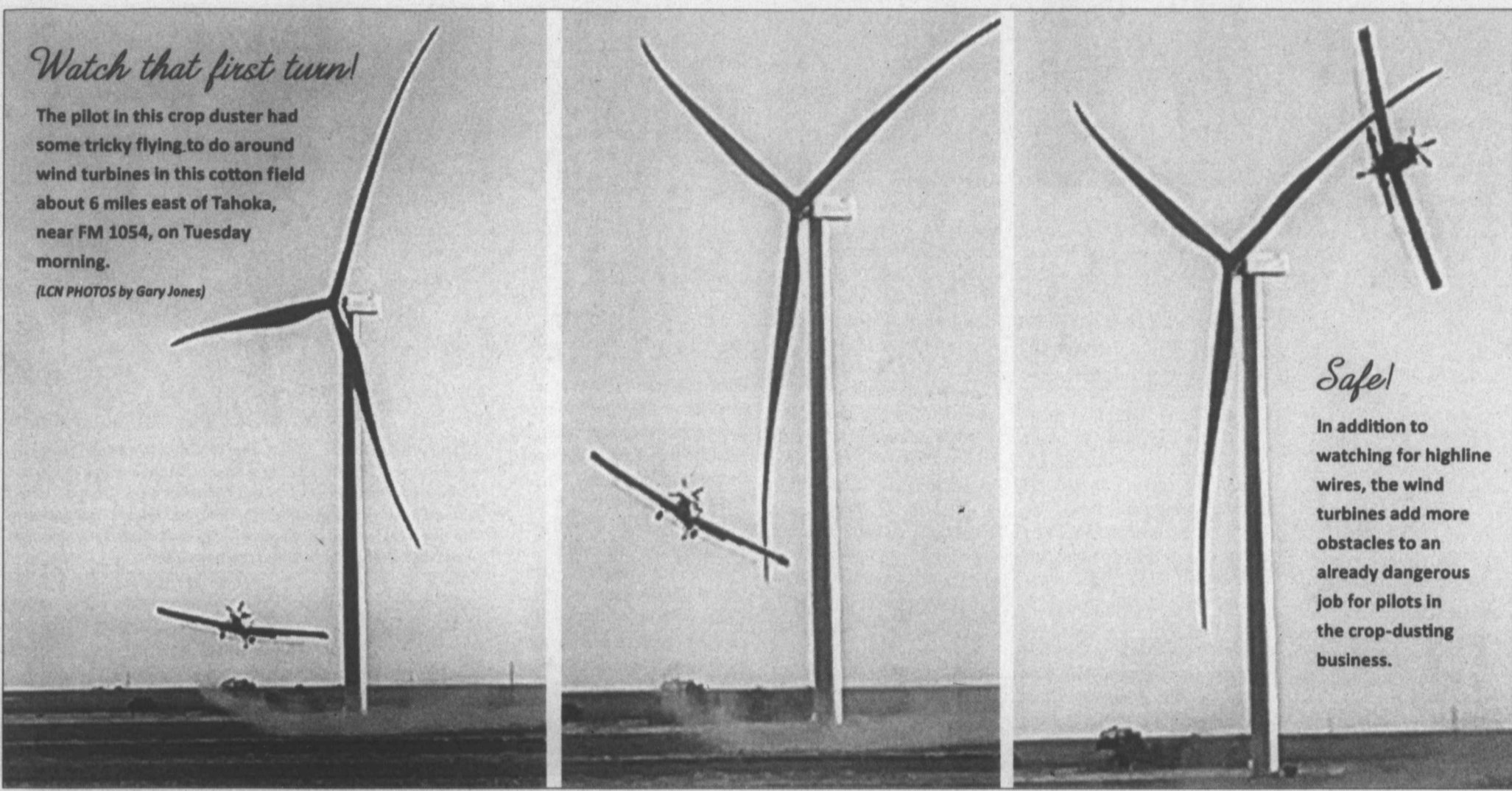
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Watch that first turn!

The pilot in this crop duster had some tricky flying to do around wind turbines in this cotton field about 6 miles east of Tahoka, near FM 1054, on Tuesday morning.

(LCN PHOTOS by Gary Jones)

Safe!

In addition to watching for highline wires, the wind turbines add more obstacles to an already dangerous job for pilots in the crop-dusting business.



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Did you know?

About the Solar System

- An area of the sun's surface to the equivalent of a postage stamp would shine with the brightness of over 1,500,000 candles.
- From space the brightest man made place is Las Vegas, NV.
- Due to gravitational effects your weight is slightly less when the moon is directly overhead.
- If you could drive to the sun at a speed of 55 mph it would take around 193 years to get there.
- Hydrogen is the most abundant element in the Universe (75%).
- The moon is 27% the size of the Earth.
- The center of the Sun is approximately 15 million C (27 million F).
- An astronaut can be up to 2 inches taller returning from space (the cartilage disks in the spine expand in the absence of gravity).

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
June 18	90	62	.10"
June 19	93	63	.08"
June 20	96	64	
June 21	102	62	
June 22	102	70	
June 23	98	69	
June 24	94	61	

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 7 a.m. on date reported, for the previous 24-hr period)

Total Precip for Jan:	0.00"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.00"
Total Precip for Mar:	1.59"
Total Precip for Apr:	3.37"
Total Precip for May:	3.32"
Total Precip for June:	1.35"
Total Precip. for 2019:	9.63"

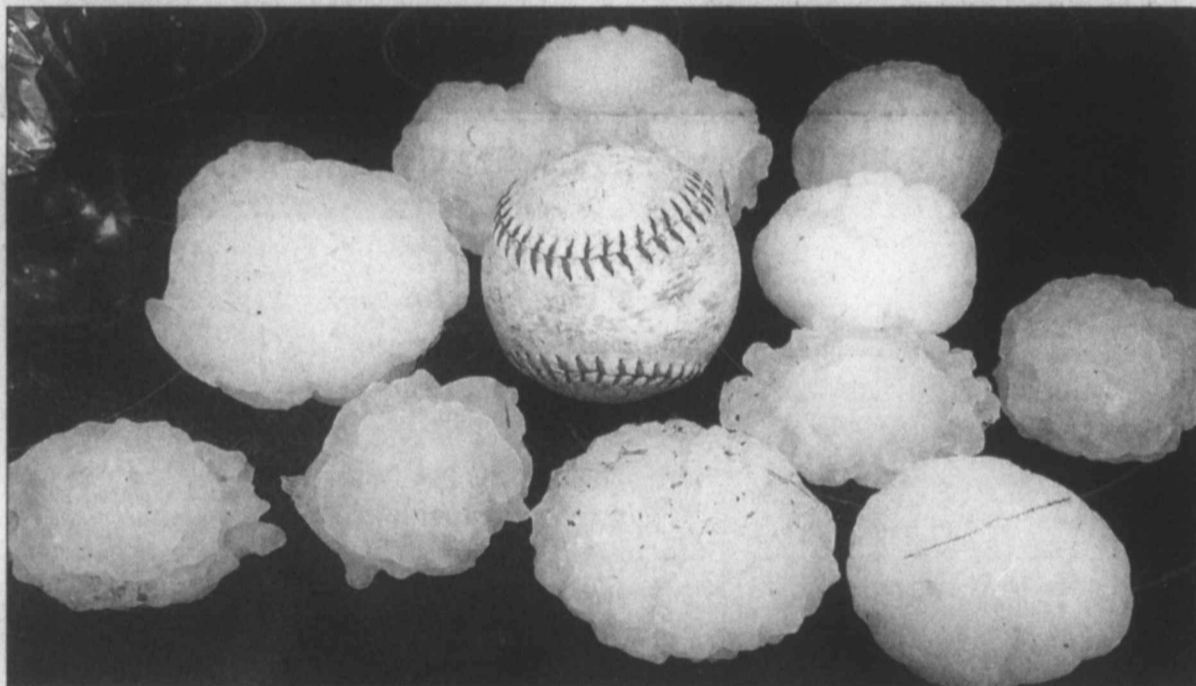
Large hail pounds Wilson area

A severe thunderstorm with high winds and large hail pounded the Wilson area on Monday evening, with hailstones as large as softball and grapefruit size reported. The National Weather Service issued a severe thunderstorm warning for Lynn County at 7:15 p.m. that continued throughout the evening, and actually Wilson got hit twice as storms moved across the area.

Most of the hail in the Wilson area was reported at golf ball to baseball size, but in some instances softball size hail was reported. Wilson ISD Superintendent Jerry Burger reported a hailstone the size of a grapefruit at his home and many dents in his vehicle, but said that the school only sustained minor damage, with no broken windows, although all roofs on school buildings would need to be checked for damages.

Wilson City Secretary Suzanne Follis reported several broken windows on the east side of the Wilson City Hall's Green Building, above the front awning, and reports of broken windshields and tree limbs were given on social media. One unofficial report said that a dog was found in the street after the hailstorm, apparently killed by the

(See Wilson hail, page 6)



Large hail ... This picture, taken by Lora Smith in Wilson and posted on facebook, shows the large hail in the Wilson area on Monday night, some as big as baseball or even softball size. Smith's post said that the hail took out the windshield of their vehicle - and was the third time this year that they have lost a windshield to storms.

Chief Appraiser resigns position at Lynn County Appraisal District

by JUANELL JONES

Marquita Scott, Chief Appraiser for the Lynn County Appraisal District (LCAD) for the last 21 years, on Monday submitted her resignation to the LCAD Board of Directors. She cited personal rea-

sons for the resignation, which will be effective June 30, 2019.

"I have been honored to serve as the chief appraiser, and tried to do the best job I could," Mrs. Scott told the directors.

She has held the helm position

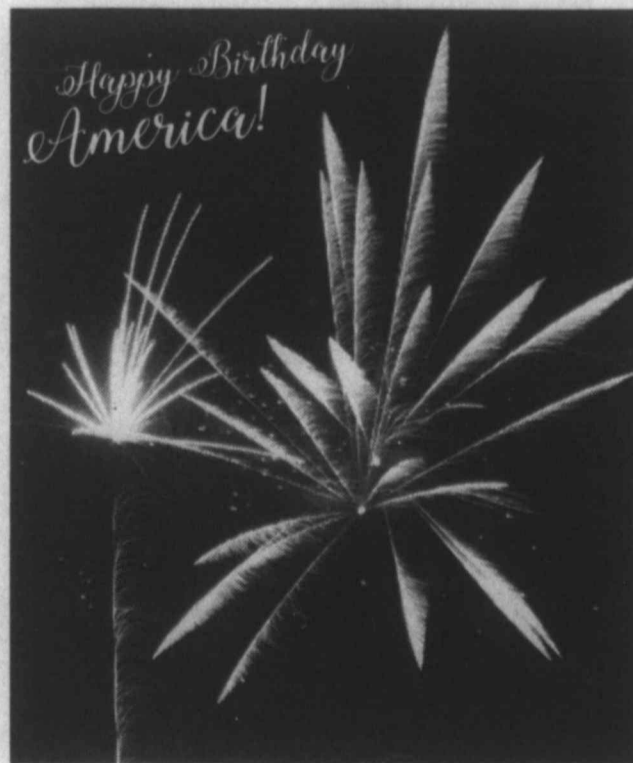
at LCAD since May of 1998.

The Board of Directors asked Scott, and she consented, to serve as an interim chief appraiser until the end of August, if needed, as they conduct a search for a new chief appraiser.

From: Lynn County Sheriff Abraham Vega and area landowners

To: All individuals who will be setting off fireworks in rural areas of the county:

Enjoy your fireworks, but **PLEASE PICK UP ALL FIREWORKS TRASH afterwards. Don't leave a mess that requires others to pick up after you - be good citizens and leave county roads and fields clean.**



Don't miss a great FIREWORKS SHOW IN WILSON, TEXAS SUNDAY, JUNE 30

Come to the Wilson City Park on FM 211 for the show, which starts after 9:45 p.m. and lasts approximately 45-60 minutes, sponsored by St. Paul Lutheran Church. The fireworks show is free.

This year, starting at 4 p.m. in the park, Wilson ISD will be selling many items such as drinks, food, snacks, and hosting a water slide. The water slide is for all ages - cost is a flat rate of \$8 per person for the evening. Come join the fun!



Did you know?

“ A pregnant goldfish is called a twit. ”
... just in case you're ever on Jeopardy and need to know!

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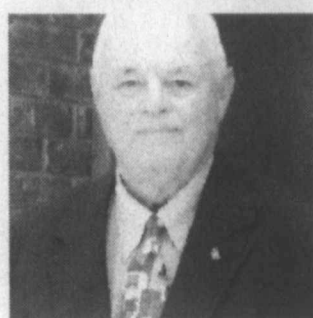
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Obituaries



Ron Gurley

Ron Gurley was born to Jess and Mabel Gurley on October 7, 1933 in Tahoka, Texas. He graduated from Tahoka High School, Henderson County Junior College (now Trinity Valley College) and North Texas State University (now the University of North Texas). Ron was drafted and proud of serving in the US Army during the Korean War.

During his lifetime, Ron was an assistant football and basketball coach in Colorado City, Texas. He moved to Sweetwater, Texas and became the city's first Juvenile Probation Officer. He then became the Assistant Chief Probation Officer in Austin, Texas. He met and married his wife, Nicole on July 17, 1965.

They moved to Grants, New Mexico where Ron participated in the creation of a Job Corps Center as their Counselor. After only a month, Ron was asked to go to Washington, D.C. to fill the position of chief of counseling for The Job Corps. Within two years, he returned to Albuquerque to work in the District Office of The U.S. Forest Service as Chief of Training. He went back to Washington, D.C. to serve as Chief of Training for The USDA. He served in that capacity for 20 years. He was sent on a temporary duty to NMSU in Las Cruces, New

Mexico to create a program for Hispanic students. After his retirement from USDA, Ron and Nicole decided to remain in Las Cruces. After only one day in retirement, Ron began working for the College of Agriculture raising money for the college. After thirteen years, Ron retired in order to become the Executive Director of the Forensic Intervention Consortium of Dona Ana County (FIC-DAC). He was also the President of NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) - DAC and NAMI-NM. He was a long time member of LU-LAC. During his career, Ron received innumerable awards. Among them, while serving in his capacity as Chief Trainer for USDA, colleagues and peers from bureaus and their subsidiaries from across the country elected him as the outstanding trainer of the year for the United States. In 1999 he was awarded the Wolf Award for his advocacy for the mentally ill by NAMI-DAC. Also, the Fabian Garcia Founders Award of Excellence went to him in 2010 by NMSU.

Ron is preceded in death by his parents, Jess and Mabel Gurley; his parents in law, Lucien and Andree Puzin.

Ron is survived by his wife: Nicole Gurley; his children: Dr. S. West Gurley, Greta Gurley (Alan) Wardell, Luke (Caroline) Gurley, and Monique Gurley; grandchildren: Nathan (Lauren) Wardell, Natalie Wardell (Nick) Sydow, Rosalia Gurley, and Autumn Gurley; great grandchildren: Maizie and Madelyn Wardell and Milo Sydow. He is also survived by his younger brothers: Dr. Jay (Judi) Gurley and Michael

Gurley; and his cousins: Sherill Gurley, Wanda (Gurley) Boles, Velta (Carpenter) King, Marilyn (Carmack) McPhaul, Jan (Gurley) Spray, and Dr. John Lee.

Memorials may be given in Ron's name to the Forensic Intervention Consortium of Dona Ana County (FIC-DAC), PO Box 16466, Las Cruces, NM 88004. (PAID)

NEWS from the Library
CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY
1717 Main St. • Tahoka TX
(inside the Life Enrichment Center)

Buckaroos...

We would like to thank everyone who had donated FirstBank & Trust Bank Bucks throughout the year. We use them to obtain prizes for our Summer Readers. These prizes encourage and reward our readers for reading during their Summer break. The City-County Library encourages expanding minds and imagination through Summer Reading.

God Bless America...

Firework displays and parties are the most well-known activities associated with Independence Day. The City-County Library will be closed Thursday, July 4th and will re-open Friday July 5th at 9:00 a.m. Have a fun and safe holiday.

Green Memorial Park Cemetery

Green Memorial Park Cemetery will have its annual FUNDRAISING DRIVE during the month of June. Funds may be deposited directly to FirstBank & Trust or mailed to Green Memorial Park Cemetery, P.O. Box 102, Wilson, Texas 79381.

Where in the world is
The Lynn County News?



Honeymooners ... Matt and Whitney (McNeely) Dorsett were married June 8, 2019 at 6:23 p.m. at their home in Garza County by their brother-in-law, minister Bob Bumpus. The Dorsett's then honeymooned at El Dorado Royale Casitas near Cancun, Mexico for seven days, and took their Lynn County News with them - 2,118 miles from home.



Summer reading prizes... Karl McDonald and Felicia Moreno with FirstBank & Trust, Tahoka, are pictured with a few of the new Summer Reading Prizes for the City-County Library. Thanks to everyone who has donated FirstBank & Trust Bank Bucks to the Summer Reading Program at the Library.

A look back at ...
Woodwork
by Dalton Wood

IN RUIDOSO, a Tahoka couple spent a too-warm vacation in a tent, and it was the wife's first time ever to visit Ruidoso, although she has lived in Tahoka for years.

In Albuquerque, a medium-sized black bear climbed a utility pole, all the way to the crossbar at the top, getting his picture on national TV.

In outer space, a projectile launched by NASA collided with a huge comet and knocked a big hole in it, giving scientists some information about the composition of the comet.

And in Lubbock, I ate three giant hot dogs, which is at least two more than I should have.

What all those things have in common is that they occurred around the Fourth of July, the annual observance of that warm day in 1776 when the Continental Congress declared they were sick and tired of the British telling them what to do.

Quick comments on the above-mentioned incidents: Never go to Ruidoso in mid-summer unless you have an air-conditioned place to stay. It's cooler in the mountains, but only by about 8 or 10 degrees. So when it is 100 in Tahoka, it still is 90 in Ruidoso.

Why would a bear climb a utility pole, unless, as Katie Couric said, "he was trying to get his bearings."

NASA rammed that comet on purpose, sending a spacecraft 268 million miles (I have a friend in Slaton whose Ford pickup has nearly that many miles on it) before firing a missile into the comet, described as "half the size of Manhattan." Down here in Tahoka, I have no idea of how big that is, but it likely is at least as large as Lamesa. . . They discovered that the comet's surface is like soft dust, with ice trapped below the surface.

So what good is it to know that, and was it worth the cost? There was a time when it would have done me no permanent damage to eat 37 hot dogs, like the people in the eating contest I saw on TV. But hot dogs are very high in things designed to eliminate people who have some of the problems that I have developed, no doubt from pigging out too often in my lifetime. They still taste great, though. July 5, 2005

Please visit these Lynn County Churches

Wilson St. John Lutheran Church
13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-657
Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation with our community and beyond.
TONDA FREITAG, PLM
Sunday School - 9:30 am • Sunday Worship - 10:45 am

New Home United Methodist Church
Pastor Madoc Thomas
(806) 470-2939
emt@madocthomas.com
350 N. Main • New Home, TX 79383
(806) 924-7549
Sunday School 9:45 am • Worship 10:45 am

TAHOKA Church of Christ
2320 Lockwood • Box 1177 • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 561-4060 • email: tcoc@poka.com
Sunday School - 10:00 am
Sunday Worship - 11 am
Fellowship & Devotion
Wednesday 6:30 pm

First Baptist Church
1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 561-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org
PASTOR CLIFF HOLDRIDGE
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Morning Worship Service - 10:45 am
SNL (Youth) - 6:00 pm Sunday
Activities For All Ages -
Call For Complete Schedule

Tahoka Trinity Church
1925 Lockwood • Box 1168 • Tahoka • (806) 561-5317
PASTOR: PERRY SHUFFIELD
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 am
Sunday Evening Worship - 6 pm
Youth - Sundays at 7 pm
For a ride to Sunday School or Church, call 561-5317

Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church
16th & Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381
(806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com
PASTOR: DAVID W. ROHDE
Sunday School 9:15 am • Divine Service 10:15 am
"Where Christ Serves People"

Life of Laughter
He will once again fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy.
~Job 8:21

When was the last time you shouted with joy? It seems as the years go by, we find ourselves with more responsibility, more tasks, more heartache, and often more conflict. Our body gets tired, our minds grow weary, and our emotions are spent. It is important in time of heaviness that we find reasons to smile and laugh.

God created laughter, and he is the source of true joy. If you are feeling like there is not enough joy in your life, take time to reflect on God's love for you. Understand that he is a merciful God. Know that he delights in you. Dwell on the beauty of his creation. Thank him for the good relationships that he has brought into your life. Find him in a song, or a dance, or the smile of a child. When you seek God, you will find what you need. Let him once again fill your mouth with laughter.

Dear God, I want to feel joy again in my life. I want to be a person that reflects the deep joy that is experienced by knowing you. Remind me of things today that are good reasons to smile. Fill my mouth with laughter, and my lips with shouts of joy.

Do you need a church home? Please visit one of the churches listed on this page. May the peace and love of God, in Christ, be with you.

Grassland Nazarene Church
2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373 • (806) 327-5656
Pastor Genell Knisley
(806) 201-0792
Sunday School - 10:00 am
Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 am
Wednesday Prayer Service - 7:00 pm

Draw First United Methodist Church
(established 1907)
P.O. Box 496 • O'Donnell, TX 79351
Phone (806) 428-3357
PASTOR: REV. WESTON PENDERGRASS
Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 am

New Home Baptist Church
Corner of 4th & Smith • Pastor: Larry Maddox
"Serving the Lord for 100 Years"
SERVICES:
Sunday School.....10:00 am
Sunday Worship.....11:00 am
Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00 pm
Wed. Youth/Children's Activities ...7:00 pm

New Home Church of Christ
324 N. Main • Box 188 • New Home, TX 79383 • (806) 924-7579
MINISTER: MIKE HEATWOLE
Bible Class - 10:00 am
Sunday Worship Service - 10:45 am
Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 7:00 pm

Sweet Street Baptist Church
1300 AVENUE J • BOX 751 • TAHOKA, TX 79373 • (806) 561-5310
DAVID EARNEST, PASTOR • (806) 438-5105
Sunday School - 9:45 am
(A Bible Study Class for all ages)
Morning Worship - 10:50 am
(Uplifting Music - Message from God's Word)
Wednesday Night - 6 pm
(Prayer & Bible Study, Children & Youth Ministries)
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

First Methodist of Tahoka
1801 Ave. J • Tahoka • (806) 561-4503
email: functahoka@poka.com
Billy Everett, Pastor
SUNDAYS: Sunday School - 9:30 am
Sunday Worship - 10:30 am (Fellowship Hall)
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Commissioners approve resolution supporting Ports-to-Plains corridor

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Commissioners met in regular session Monday morning at the Lynn County Judge's office for a routine agenda, concluding their business within an hour. Judge Mike Braddock led the meeting, with all four commissioners present including Larry Durham, Don Blair, John Hawthorne and Matt Woodley, as well as other county officials and guests.

Commissioners approved a resolution in support of the Ports-to-Plains corridor, joining other city and county entities in the route being considered for the highway that would extend I-27 both north and south as part of the corridor that would ultimately provide a north-to-south four-lane highway across the United States from the southern border with Mexico and northern border with Canada. The I-27 extension would include US 87 through Lynn County.

In other business, commissioners approved the purchase of a 2015 motor grader for Precinct #1, and approval was given to purchase a plaque for the courthouse, commemorating the historic restoration of the building.

Karl McDonald, Vice-President Ag banker in the Tahoka branch of First Bank & Trust, was a guest, introducing himself to county officials. He told commissioners and other county officials to call on him anytime for assistance if needed.

Jon Luna, representing

the Lynn County Sheriff's Office, introduced three new employees at the Sheriff's Office. Keisha Clement, a Lynn County resident, was introduced as the new Administrative Assistant to Sheriff Abraham Vega, and two new deputies were introduced. Jason Flores is the new Chief Deputy for the Sheriff's Office, and John Hernandez is a new Deputy. Both are coming to the Lynn County SO from the Brownfield Police Department.

Flores, 35, was with the Brownfield PD for five years before accepting the Lynn County position. He and his wife have three children. Hernandez, 29, was with the Brownfield PD for a year, and he and his wife have one child.

"We are excited to be here, and looking forward to meeting the people of Lynn County," Flores told *The News*.

Chief Deputy Flores said he is very familiar with the roads in Lynn County, as he was a UPS driver for three years before beginning his law enforcement career.

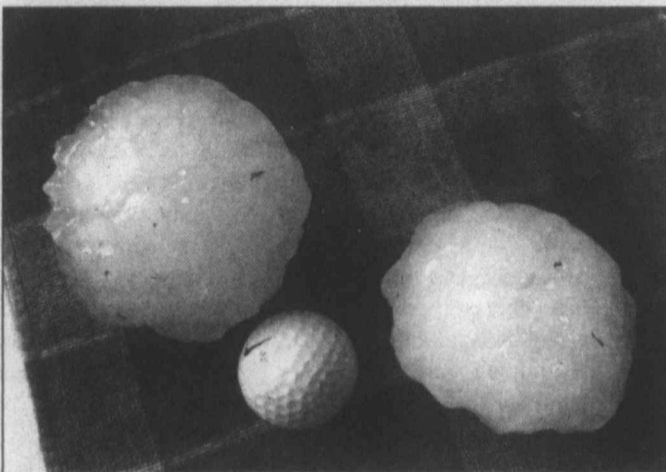
"I know these roads, and I will see lots of familiar faces," he said with a smile.

Both deputies said that they are pleased to serve with the Lynn County Sheriff's Office.

Commissioners discussed the TAC Health and Employee Benefits Pool FY 2019-2020, but no action was required. Monthly bills were approved as presented.



Judge welcomes new SO staff ... Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock (second from right) welcomed three new staff members to the county during Monday morning's commissioner meeting. Joining the Lynn County team at the Sheriff's Office are, from left, Keisha Clement, Administrative Assistant to the Sheriff; Jason Flores, Chief Deputy; and (far right) John Hernandez, Deputy. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



Texas size hail ... Wilson ISD Superintendent Jerry Burger sent this picture of large hail, comparing it to a golf ball, that pounded the Wilson area on Monday evening. He said his vehicle was damaged by the hail, but reported that the Wilson ISD campus buildings sustained only minor damage, although roofs of all buildings would need to be checked.

Ag Commissioner eyes next steps for industrial hemp production in Texas

"As Commissioner of Agriculture for the great state of Texas, I am excited that we have taken one more step towards giving producers in Texas the opportunity to grow hemp," said Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller this week. With the recently passed legislation and the approval by Governor Abbott, the Texas Department of Agriculture will be working on the rules and guidelines for hemp production in the state.

The next steps will be the development of a plan to submit to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the rules that Texas producers will be required to follow. The Texas Department of Agriculture is in constant contact with USDA and other state and federal partners to make sure that all guidelines are followed. Under the 2018 Farm Bill, the production of hemp was decriminalized and the federal government is working on regulations that all states must follow for hemp

production. Texas, like many other states, had to first take steps to make it legal to grow, and now that has been done.

During the Southern Association of State Departments of Agriculture (SASDA) meeting in Fort Worth, Texas Commissioner Miller has been meeting with high ranking USDA officials on the next steps for growing hemp. Commissioner Miller is the current President of SASDA, and hosted the annual conference in Texas.

He said, "We are working with federal officials" on the rules that are expected to be published later this year by USDA. I am making sure that Texas will be a leader in hemp production, and we will be submitting our plan and writing rules to follow the 2018 Farm Bill and the law recently enacted in Texas."

It is expected that hemp production will start in Texas during the 2020 crop year. Until all rules and guidelines are finalized by USDA and the Texas state plan is approved, hemp cannot be grown in Texas.

Miller said, "this will be another tool for farmers that are looking to diversify their farming operations."

The Texas Department of Agriculture will be updating producers and all stakeholders on hemp production throughout the process.

Annual #TXwindmills and #TXwatertowers virtual road trip kicks off July 1 - photos wanted!

The Texas Water Development Board, Texas Historical Commission, and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department are once again taking a summer road trip—and the whole state is invited.

"We'll be on the lookout for two iconic and important Texas water symbols that help define the story of Texas water: windmills and water towers. Windmills helped populate our great state by making water available in areas not supported by rivers and springs, and they remind us that the water beneath our feet continues to sustain vast swaths of the state and will continue to do so in the future. Water towers often depict local civic pride and give us a window into the heart of a community. They prompt us into a greater awareness that our water supply is finite and must be used responsibly," said a sponsor.

"Join us by posting your own photos of #TXwindmills and #TXwatertowers to Instagram. We'll be sharing photos

and information throughout the month of July and featuring submitted photos, too.

"Where will our virtual road trip take us? All over Texas, we hope! Participate on Instagram for the chance to win cool souvenirs (aka prizes); we'll be holding a random drawing at the end of the campaign."

To participate:

1. Follow @txwaterdevboard, @txhistcomm, and @texas-parkswildlife on Instagram
2. Post your photos of #TX-windmills and #TXwatertowers to Instagram (make sure your profile is public)
3. Mention the location and tag us.

The road trip is July 1-31. More information is available at www.twdb.texas.gov/news-media/promotion/index.asp.

This month in History

- The Pony Express begins delivering the mail. (1860)
- Daytime soap opera General Hospital first airs on ABC (1963)

4th of July Fun Facts

As everyone knows, Independence Day marks the birthday of the United States of America. But here are some fun facts that you may not know about this patriotic day!

1. Contrary to popular belief, only two Founding Fathers signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. The majority of signers penned their signatures on August 2, 1776.
2. The holiday does not celebrate the signing of the Declaration; it celebrates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence by the Second Continental Congress.
3. In a now-famous letter to his wife, Abigail, dated July 3, 1776, John Adams made a prediction that the "Second Day of July" would be celebrated as American Independence Day, since the Congress had actually voted to sever ties with Great Britain the day before.
4. Independence Day became a federal holiday in 1870.
5. Other countries, including Denmark, England, Norway, Portugal and Sweden also celebrate the Fourth of July as a way to bring in American tourists.
6. Our country now boasts 318.9 million citizens, but on the first Fourth of July there were only 2.5 million.
7. The original draft of the Declaration of Independence was lost.
8. The back of the Declaration of Independence says, "Original Declaration of Independence dated 4th July 1776."
9. The Pennsylvania Evening Post was the first newspaper to print the Declaration on July 6, 1776.



Long haul ... Trucks hauling the long wind turbine blades have become a common sight in Lynn County as wind turbine farms abound in the area. Several trucks, including this one, were traveling southbound on US 87 towards Dawson County last Wednesday morning. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

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County, city officials to serve on Ports-to-Plains Corridor committees

Governor Greg Abbott recently signed Texas House Bill 1079, which directs Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to conduct a comprehensive study of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor.

The study must evaluate the feasibility of, and the costs and logistical matters associated with, improvements that create a four-lane divided highway, which meets interstate highway standards to the extent possible. This study would detail improvements to extend Interstate 27 both

north and south, which includes the Ports-to-Plains Corridor north of Amarillo to the Texas-Oklahoma border, to the Texas-New Mexico border, and south of Lubbock to Laredo.

Next, TxDOT will establish an Interstate 27 Advisory Committee that is comprised of the county judge, an elected county official, or the administrator of the county's road department, as designated by the county judge, of each county along the Ports-to-Plains Corridor.

That committee also will include the mayor, city manager, or assistant city manager, as designated by the mayor, of Amarillo, Big Spring, Carrizo Springs, Dalhart, Del Rio, Dumas, Eagle Pass, Eldorado, Lamesa, Laredo, Lubbock, Midland, Odessa, San Angelo, Sonora, Sterling City, Stratford, and Tahoka.

The advisory committee would meet at least twice each year on a rotational basis in Lubbock and San Angelo.

According to City Administrator Jerry Webster, the City of Tahoka has long been a member of the Ports-to-Plains Alliance, a coalition of communities and businesses advocating for support in developing the Ports-to-Plains Corridor. Webster said, however, that as of this week city officials have not yet designated their representative to serve on the I-27 Advisory Committee.

At the Lynn County Commissioners Court meeting on Monday this week, commissioners voted

to approve a resolution stating the county's support of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor.

Additionally, TxDOT, in conjunction with the Advisory Committee, will establish committees for each geographic segment along the Ports-to-Plains Corridor as determined by TxDOT.

The Segment Committees would consist of volunteers who represent municipalities, counties, metropolitan planning organizations, ports, chambers of commerce, and economic development organizations including the oil and gas industry, the trucking industry, TxDOT representatives, and any other interested parties.

Each Segment Committee will submit a report by June 30, 2020 to the Advisory Committee providing input for the study conducted by TxDOT, including priority recommendations for improvement and expansion of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor.

TxDOT also will host quarterly public meetings on a rotational basis in Amarillo, Laredo, Lubbock, and San Angelo to gather public feedback on improvements or expansions to the Ports-to-Plains Corridor.

No later than Jan. 1, 2021, TxDOT will submit a report on the results of the study to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the House of Representatives, and presiding officer of each standing committee of the legislature with jurisdiction over transportation matters.



Ports to Plains Corridor ... The Ports-to-Plains Corridor, also known as National Highway System High Priority Corridor 38, is a highway corridor between the United States Mexico border at Laredo, Texas and Denver, Colorado. It is the southern third of the Ports-to-Plains Alliance.



Hail damage ... Large hail in the Wilson area on Monday night caused havoc, especially on windshields of vehicles caught out in the storm. This photo is the aftermath of baseball/softball size hail that struck the windshield of a vehicle owned by Randee Autry and Ryan Scoggin.

Area News

It is looking more and more like Class 5A for Andrews ISD

ANDREWS - An expected influx of students at the high school based on a mammoth eighth grade class moving up likely means Andrews High School's days in Class 4A likely will end next year.

This past school year's massive eighth grade class of 380 students will be walking the halls of AHS in August. This year's senior class recently graduated 240, equating to a 140-student increase for 2019-2020. And that does not include student growth that typically occurs with more population.

That scenario has Andrews likely moving up to 5A with UIL reclassification occurring next school year. School officials will report AHS' numbers to the UIL in October.

The UIL's low-end number for Class 5A last time was 1,150. Typically, the UIL increases its cutoff numbers by around 50 during reclassification/realignment that occurs every other year.

If that pattern holds true, the Class 5A cutoff next time will be somewhere in the neighborhood of 1,200 students.

Toward the end of the recently completed school year, AHS's enrollment was around 1,165. An additional 140 students with the incoming freshman class alone would boost the total over 1,300.

-- from the Andrews County News

HPWD Board approves funding for research and demonstration

More than \$157,000 in funding for water research, demonstration, and education projects was approved by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) Board of Directors at their June 11 meeting.

There were 16 projects submitted for funding. Each was evaluated by an eight-member committee, consisting of three Board members, two County Advisory Committee members, two members of the public, and the General Manager.

Of these, 11 projects were approved. They are:

- Plant Based Polymers to Remove Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) and Arsenic in Groundwater.
- Rainwater Harvesting Demonstration Project.
- Evaluation of TDR Soil Moisture Sensor.
- Drought Tolerant Corn Hybrids.
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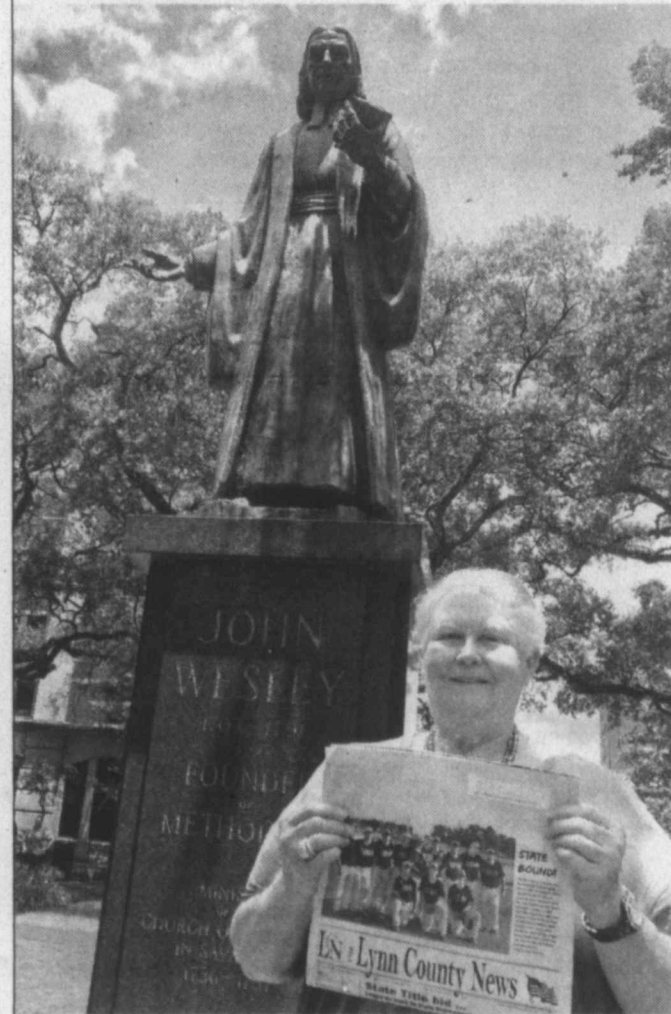
- Effects of Shade on Water Use in Turfgrass.
- Playa Basin Field Days & Festivals.
- Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors.

"HPWD is pleased to support these educators and researchers as they work to encourage water conservation education, promote more efficient water use, and improve crop production. Each approved project is designed to help conserve and preserve groundwater resources for the future," said Board President Lynn Tate of Amarillo.

In other business, the Board approved the Consent Agenda, approved applications for water well permits received in May 2019; received an overview of bills passed during the regular session of the 86th Texas Legislature; and heard a staff report about recent HPWD rainwater harvesting educational workshops.

The next HPWD Board of Directors meeting is set for 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 9, at the HPWD office, 2930 Avenue Q, in Lubbock.

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Savannah, GA... Barbara Morton, of Greenville, formerly of Tahoka, is pictured with her Lynn County News in Savannah, Georgia in front of the John Wesley statue, founder of the Methodist Church. The News is approximately 1,358 miles from home.

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Contractor shall provide project bonds and insurance, as required in the bidding documents. Qualified contractors may obtain bid packages at the office of the Facilities Development Director, Lynn County Hospital District 2600 Lockwood, Tahoka, Texas, beginning June 21, 2019.
A voluntary pre-bid conference will be held on July 16, 2019, at the site of 4th Street & Doak Avenue, O'Donnell, Texas 79351, at 10:00 A.M. to discuss and/or clarify the requirements of the bid request.
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Tahoka ex Josh Freitag moves thriving PT practice in Lamesa to larger facility

Striking out on his own after working two and a half years at Medical Arts Hospital, it took physical therapist Josh Freitag less than a year and a half to outgrow his original building.

His business, Lamesa Physical Therapy and Sports Rehab, moved Thursday, June 13 from a small office at 1009 North 9th Street to a new location at 221 North Main Avenue, in Lamesa.

Josh is a Tahoka High School graduate, and the son of Tahoka physician Dr. Donald Freitag and Tonda Freitag.

After opening at the new location on June 11, Freitag hosted a large crowd for a hamburger lunch and ribbon-cutting at the building on the following Thursday.

Freitag said the new location has about four times as much space as his previous building.

Noting that the previous site simply had become too crowded for his staff and clients, Freitag said, "Now everybody can spread out and have their own space."

In addition to himself, Freitag has two full-time em-

ployees and three part-time workers at Lamesa Physical Therapy and Sports Rehab.

The additional space also has allowed him to get some new equipment, including another treatment table that will allow them to see one-to-two more patients per hour.

Freitag said he also will soon add an underwater treadmill to allow patients to exercise without having to bear their full weight on an injured or damaged leg or other body part.

"You can get in it and close the door and it will fill up with water," he said. "Then when you're through, the water will drain out."

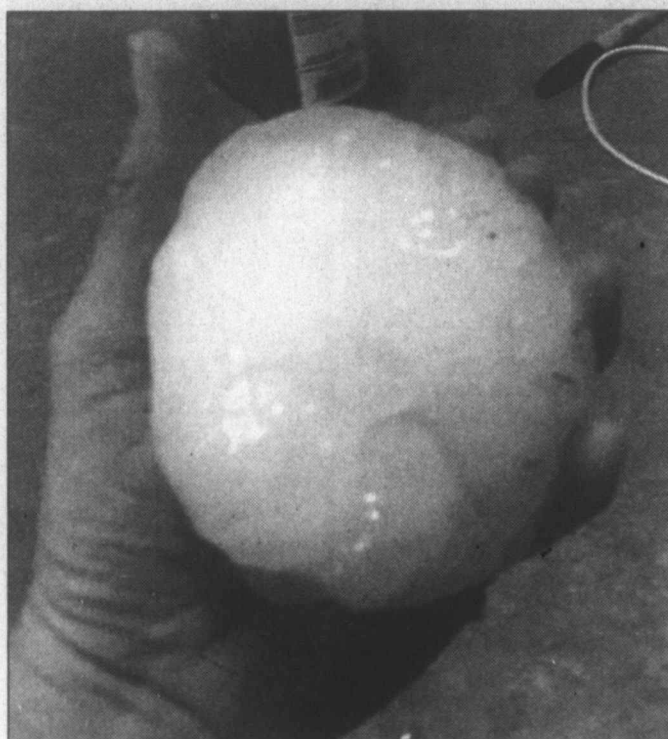
With additional space at the new location, Freitag said he will be offering for people who are not comfortable in a gym setting or doing exercises in their own home to use his exercise equipment at a fee of \$25 per month.

Freitag currently has a treadmill, bikes, light dumbbells, ankle weights and stretch bands available.

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Moving to larger facility ... Holding their two young children, Josh and Alesha Freitag team up to wield the scissors at a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new location of Freitag's physical therapy business, Lamesa Physical Therapy and Sports Rehab. The new location, at 221 North Main Avenue in Lamesa, provides about four times as much space than was available at their previous location. (Lamesa Press-Reporter Photo)



King size hail ... This large hailstone is probably softball size, covering an entire palm of the person holding it. The picture was taken by Cam Wilke in Wilson during a severe thunderstorm on Monday evening. Weather reports indicated 60-70 mph winds and large hail in the Wilson area, moving in a southeasterly direction towards Post.

Lynn County EMS paged to scenes of two rollover accidents in county

by JUANELL JONES

Two rollover accidents occurred in Lynn County during the past week, with possible injuries in each incident, as Lynn County EMS was called out to both scenes.

The first accident occurred last Thursday during the early morning hours, at 4:33 a.m. on US 87 and Loop 76 at O'Donnell. A caller to the Sheriff's Office reported that he had gone outside his home to let his dog out and

just witnessed a one-vehicle rollover. O'Donnell Fire Dept. first responders, EMS, DPS and Sheriff's Office units all were paged out to the scene. No other information was available, except to report that the vehicle had to be towed.

The other rollover occurred 12 miles west of Tahoka on US 380, at 9:43 a.m. Saturday, June 22. A deputy responding to the scene requested Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. be called out with the Jaws of Life, due to one person being trapped inside the vehicle. Lynn County EMS requested Aerocare helicopter be dispatched as well. The driver was reportedly a Tahoka woman, but no other information was available from this incident.

Illegal dumping was reported south of FM 211 on County Road Z on Saturday morning, where someone had dumped a mattress, bed and other trash in the ditch.

Other minor calls were reported on the Sheriff's Office call sheet, including a couple of motorist assists, a welfare check for a person seen walking on US 87 north of Poka Lambro, and child custody assistance.

Lynn County Jail held 36 inmates during the past week, including 20 held for Ector County, and 16 for Lynn. Local charges included one for public intoxication, one for failure to identify giving false/fictitious information, one for criminal mischief, and three for possession of drugs.

some did not have enough time to cover all their acres), should choose varieties that are as early as possible. This is to try to minimize possible end-of-season problems with fiber quality, in case of an early freeze and/or lack of heat unit accumulation, which are fairly common."

Updates, changes and additions to the guide from the two previous editions include:

Added comments on cotton variety selection, growth and regrowth after hail damage, and targeting late-season uniformity across the field.

Updated online chemical label look-up information.

Added comments about replant and late-plant options for organic cropping.

Cautions about replanting grain sorghum and other crops behind cotton if dicamba has been applied.

An update on sugarcane aphid and possible implications for grain sorghum in the South Plains; and more.

AgriLife Extension 2019 alternative crop replanting guide now available online

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's 17th annual late-planting guide, "2019 Alternative Crop Options after Failed Cotton and Late-Season Crop Planting for the Texas South Plains," is now available online at <https://tinyurl.com/yymbpbbo>.

"The annual guide is a 'first things' approach to helping farmers who have lost crops or have been unable to plant," said author Dr. Calvin Trostle, AgriLife Extension agronomist, Lubbock.

A variety of wild weather conditions affected many Texas producers this year and in some areas delayed planting or wiped out entire crops. The updated late-planting guide is geared toward the South Plains, but contains helpful information for adjacent regions.

"Whether to keep a field of young cotton that may have excessive damage is a tough choice," said Dr. Murilo Maeda, AgriLife Extension cotton specialist, Lubbock, who contributed to the updated guide. "Sometimes we need to wait a week to know for sure if we have a keeper."

The guide draws on Trostle's 20-plus years as an agronomist in West Texas and answers questions about replanting and late-planting options, including the last recommended planting dates for several potential crops.

"We always hope the annual replanting guide is not needed, but the frequency of damaging storms and winds in the Texas South Plains on vulnerable cotton seedlings unfortunately means farmers face undue risk until the crop is well established," said Trostle.

The guide has three primary goals:

- Offer guidelines for crop replant options after failed crops, especially cotton.
- Assist with late-season planting decisions where timely planting, duration to crop maturity and fall weather risks may impact successful cropping.
- Provide contractor contact information as well as recent approximate pricing, particularly for crops where price is fixed at contract signing.

"As planting season drags on in the South Plains, severe weather has producers in the area scrambling to sand fight, plant and replant cotton," Maeda said. "Unfortunately, many early planted acres that were looking great have been damaged by hail, blowing sand and standing water. While we are pretty late already for planting or replanting cotton in many parts of the Panhandle, the Lubbock area is not too far out either."

Cotton stands damaged by hail and sand may survive and have good yield potential, but producers need to account for the delay in early season growth caused by such damage, and weigh that against a new planting, Maeda said.

"As we know all too well, season length along with water availability are the main limiting factors in the region," said Maeda. "Although we are not necessarily recommending folks plant/replant cotton at this point in time, those producers considering replanting (or planting since

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- Fleas can accelerate 50 times faster than a space shuttle
- Over 500 meteorites hit the Earth each year
- The sun has a diameter of 864,000 miles
- 45% of Americans don't know that the sun is a star
- All the planets in our solar system could fit inside Jupiter

Wilson hail ...

(Continued from page 1)

hail. Young cotton crops in the area were most likely damaged by the hail as well, but no official reports were given.

The Tahoka and O'Donnell areas also received some hail, but the reports in these areas were mostly marble size, with occasional hailstones up to ping pong ball size.

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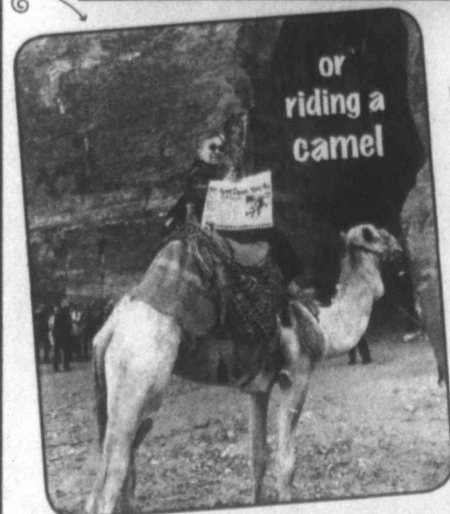
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